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A Calendar Poem.

The New Year now has just begun
And as we view the rising
SUN.
We feel one can have lots of fun
If we could only raise the
MON.
For months we've had the horrid blues
And counted bills of ones and
TUES.
My wife and I when going to bed
Think of the days before we
WED.
Before the children came to her
To bless the day she said yes
THUR.
This year we think for her and I
Will give us better fish to
FRI.
That we may both grow sleek and fat
And eat at boards where plenty
SAT.

THE TELEGRAPH AND TESLIN TRAIL.

None Better In Alaska, to Reach Atlin, says Rev. John Pringle.

Hundreds of Prospectors Camped on the Trail, Waiting to Reach Their Localities in the Spring.

On Monday last, Rev. John Pringle came down on the ice with three companions from Glenora, bringing the mails. He will return in a few days, taking the mails out. The last mail was received at Glenora, September 28th. His trip consumed 20 days, counting 7 days in camp trying to escape the rain which for 12 consecutive days poured down upon them. The trip was without special incident, except for the last two days, each man of the party was restricted to his allotment of one pancake.

He reports the upper river ice thinner than below, but during the latter part of the trip it was a matter of wading through slush all the time, from ankle to knee deep.

He reports the number and distribution of the miners in the district as follows:

At Glenora, 150 in the town itself, all white. At Telegraph Creek, 50 whites and many Indians. On the trail between Glenora and Teslin, are groups of cabins, including one of 30 of the New York party. At the Tahltan is a village of 25 cabins. The Tooyu country holds a good many. Hundreds of horses and mules are wintering on the ranges, waiting for spring. Numbers are at Dease Lake, Lake Francis and the head waters of the Pelly. The postoffice at Glenora serves now, about 1,200 people.

Speaking of the outlook he says there come good reports north of the trail between Telegraph and Dease Lake. Parties from Lake Francis, report it a fine country to prospect in and call it a good mineral country. Most of these people came in by the Ashcroft and Edmonton trails, of course late, but have found good copper. Quite a large quantity of gold has come from the Dease Lake country. He saw between \$800 and \$900 coarse gold that was brought from there.

From what he has seen and heard, he thinks gold is to be found near Glenora and Telegraph Creek, as it has been found at Glacier Creek, 6 miles below Glenora. It is something of a boulder country. Some men, late in the fall averaged \$2.00 a day and quite a number will adventure there in the late spring.

He reports so far, very little snow, about 18 inches along the river and 9 in the interior.

He says the Teslin trail is the finest he ever travelled on, as his dogs went on a gallop all the time. The extreme cold was 24 below in November.

He says the route to Atlin is a good one. From Teslin 30 miles down the lake, then a brushed trail 15 miles to a water way southwest through the woods and 40 miles of waterway to Atlin Lake.

He says but very few have, even now, any proper conception of the country. It holds great valleys stretching over 40 miles in length, enclosing lake after

lake. The climate is not as cold as Manitoba. Ex-Governor Austin, of Minnesota, wrote back that he never saw so fine a country for settlement.

There are 6 spring brooks on the line between Glenora and Telegraph. There is no end to fine cattle ranges or the opportunities for agriculture. Mr. Geo. Pritchett has raised as fine lettuce, cabbage and potatoes, some weighing from 2 to 3 pounds, as can be raised anywhere. The Tahltan country is a natural place for cattle. Beyond the Hudson's Bay summit are immense ranges and lakes. Long Lake 125 miles from Glenora is a desirable region and well wooded.

Mr. Pringle expresses his astonishment that the Canadian legislature does not give prompt aid to encourage the construction of a railroad into the interior. There is a field not only for the miner but for the farmer and stock raiser, for the last two would find a ready and profitable local market. He thinks, too, that the Government should have given it its preference to the Donnelly trail as it is 10 miles shorter and was cleared wagon width.

He speaks with enthusiasm of the floral wealth of the country. The great quantity and variety of the wild berries which seem to grow everywhere.

We were loth to close our interview, but our space will not permit a continuance of the subject. We hope the citizens of Wrangel may have the pleasure of hearing him before he goes.

We suggest that the opera house be secured and Mr. Pringle be invited to tell us more about this region, which is claiming general attention.

THE EUREKA BREWERY.

Among the few industries in Wrangel we are pleased to speak in praise of the Eureka Brewery. This business was established last March and has been in continuous operation since. Its proprietors are P. Deutsch and L. Berg, both practical brewers. Of course there are plenty of brewers, some very competent and others of small account. The product of this establishment shows the thoroughness of an applied understanding of how to make most excellent beer.

It is not an easy process, but exacts careful judgement as well as technical knowledge. Their establishment though small is equipped with every necessary appliance for the doing of good work. The crushed malt comes necessarily from the Sound and plenty of it is used to give good body to the beer. From the mash tub to the underback, the kettle, the cooler, the fermenting tub, the clarifier, to the keg, each process is intelligently tended and under such conditions there can be but one result, a fine clear, nourishing, stimulating and altogether lovely something to drink. For New Year's day they brew a special bock with its clear brown suggestion of porter malt. This joy of the Teuton's heart will be shared by all lovers of good drink for it is the perfection of it. It is quite the custom in this country as in the old for all brewers to give their patrons more than the common in this tempting beverage which has a history as old as Rome and is better than the spinster's tea which cheers, but not inebriates. Over it's social seduction millions of people are subjugated to kind impulses and generous thoughts which fits admirably the Christmas season and the inauguration of a new year. When we step over the threshold from a departed year which in our life has gone to the account of experience and give greeting to a new adventure in which we cast our hopes and aspirations for all the good things of life. As we drink, the stately, typical goat is before us, wreathed with the hop vine; in his fore foot he holds the foaming goblet. Hail, thou frisking symbol. May many ages still to come roll over thy venerable head. Thy gambol is neither staid by custom nor can times erosion spoil thy infinite variety.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER.

In our last week's issue we gave a brief account of a shooting scrape which took place at the Standard saloon. The affair culminated in the death of the unfortunate victim, Frank, an Indian, early on Christmas morning. A coronor's jury was immediately summoned by U. S. Commissioner Tustin, ex-officio coroner. The man Keishbaum who did the shooting, and who had been out on bail, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, was immediately re-arrested on a charge of murder.

The coroner's jury, composed of the following representative men of the place: R. Sylvester, D. McKinnon, P. C. Jensen, F. J. Hunt, T. C. McHugh and T. A. Willson, after viewing the body, ordered an autopsy, which was performed by Drs. Campbell and Lapsley. A careful and exhaustive investigation was then gone into by which it was shown that the saloon where the shooting took place, has been, since prior to the 4th of July last, a resort for Indians chiefly, where they could obtain openly at the bar, and from the back door, as much liquor as they had money to pay for; and that Keishbaum not content with thus violating the law, would carry liquor around to the Indians in a gunny sack and peddle it out to them. The coroner's jury found the following verdict:

Wrangel, Alaska, Dec. 27, 1898.

"We the undersigned jurors, summoned to inquire into the cause of the death of an Indian named Frank, after hearing the testimony of Dr. P. C. Campbell, Dr. F. W. Lapsley, Dr. J. Stiner, W. D. Grant, Jimmie, Peter Simpson, Mary, J. L. Tompkins, Walter Shadasty, Sam Egypt and Bob Thomas, and the dying statement of the deceased, find the following verdict: "That the name of the deceased and by which he was known, is Frank, and he is a native Indian of Alaska."

"That the deceased died in Wrangel, Alaska, on the 25th day of December, 1898, and that the cause of his death was two gun shot wounds inflicted upon said Frank by Harry Keishbaum, in the Standard saloon in Wrangel, Alaska, on the morning of December 21st, 1898.

"And we do further find, that in the death of Frank as aforesaid, a crime has been committed and we do hereby accuse Harry Keishbaum with the commission of such crime.

"Dated at Wrangel, in the district of Alaska, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1898.

Rufus Sylvester,
Duncan McKinnon,
Thos. A. Willson,
Forest J. Hunt,
P. C. Jensen,
Thos. C. McHugh,
Jurors."

The prisoner, upon being brought before the Commissioner upon the last charge, waived examination and was committed without bonds. Comment on this unfortunate affair is unnecessary; when this traffic is indulged in the result is inevitable. We regret to say the warning conveyed by this affair does not in the least seem to deter others from carrying on the same disgraceful trade. It is open and notorious.

Week of Prayer.

The annual observance of a week of prayer at the beginning of the New Year is a time honored custom which may very profitably be remembered by the people of Fort Wrangel. Arrangements have been made for meetings every night next week and the public are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the services. The meetings on Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings will be held at the church, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in the Seward building.

The Rev. Mr. Pringle of Glenora is in town and will co-operate with Dr. Thwing and other Christian workers in conducting the services. The topics for prayer will be as follows: Monday, Personal religion; Tuesday, Christian Endeavor; Wednesday, the Y. M. C. A.; Thursday, the Gospel Mission; Friday, Church and Sunday School; Saturday, Preparation for the Lord's supper.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On January 1st last, the Stikene River Journal presented a short salutatory over the signature of Mr. T. R. Needham.

The Journal owes its existence to the joint contribution of several of our best citizens who supplied the funds as a qualified gratuity to purchase the plant. Mr. Needham was to establish and maintain a paper for two years continuously in the interests of Wrangel. After six months Mr. Needham retired, giving way to Mr. J. R. McKeand, a most estimable gentleman, but not a practical newspaper man. Mr. McKeand turned the interest into a company known as the Journal Publishing Company, with the writer as manager. Unfortunately some months ago Mr. McKeand was taken seriously ill and the burden of conducting the newspaper has fallen upon the shoulders of the present manager. We were loathe to assume the responsibility, but felt it would be unfortunate if Wrangel should be without a speaking voice. We have made sacrifices and given a good deal of hard work to the undertaking, but feel rewarded by having produced a paper creditable in several respects. We have found that most excellent salt that savors sincere effort, a general appreciation, which is everyday expressed to us. We have endeavored to give matters of interest in a fair literary style. We have smiled and looked pleasant in what we have had to say, seeking at no time to wound the sensibilities of others, but brave enough to cut deep if the subject requires the knife. We hope to continue on the same lines. We are not accumulating a fortune and are too busy and disinclined to ask every individual in town to subscribe for or advertise in the paper. We would like, yes we would very much like to have everybody identified with Wrangel, give their only paper, what support they can. We have need, as a community, of many things to be said in a public way which

can be done only in a newspaper. We have not indulged in the customary country cross-roads style of paragraphing the meanderings of individuals unless they are clothed with some particular dignity in which we hold an interest. Mr. Smith or Brown may go on the Topeka, or Green's dog may have the mange and for the matter of that die with it, and escape its being chronicled in ink. We hope to grow to a fair substantial fatness. We would be delighted to make the Journal a living success both financially and as a forceful influence to guide a safe and proper public opinion upon matters which will inevitably arise affecting the future of Wrangel.

To those who have remembered us in a business way we make our acknowledgements. To those who have not we hereby respectfully commend ourselves. Do you want to maintain a good newspaper here? It is ready made at hand, but a paper, while it neither eats nor drinks, nor sleeps, needs a few people and sheets of paper and some mechanism which must be worked harmoniously, and cooperatively. These things need to be replenished. They feed upon the root of all evil. In conclusion we address ourselves to each individual reader. Have you subscribed for the Journal? If not why not? If you are in business, do you advertise in the Journal, or do you require printing done of any character? If you do, don't send out of the town to get it done. And, now may that peace of mind which passeth all understanding be and abide with you another year.

Mr. Bloomhardt did a very commendable thing on Christmas day. He gave to every child in Wrangel some appropriate gift. We have a very great respect for any man whose impulses lead him into such kindly channels. Mr. Bloomhardt's heart is in the right place.

Christmas was well observed among our good people. Everybody seemed happy. We met quite a number of good fellows who gave signs of overmuch good cheer, but they were a small minority. Pleasant greetings and good cheer were in evidence all through the day.

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Our paper is growing in circulation and influence and we will be pleased to give the widest circulation to its mining department. We hope the business men of the town will see the possible advantages to be derived from this effort, and that they will do what they can to create a splendid exhibit for the information of those who will in the future visit us with a view of purchasing or developing mining property.

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MARRIED OR NOT MARRIED.

Have You Got a License?—If Not, God Pity Your Poor Children.

Judge Tustin is reported to have said that no person joined matrimonially in Alaska who had not previously procured a license was married at all and that the children of such a union were illegitimate. This statement carries with it a full freight of consequences, if it is true. The old common law makes marriage purely a civil contract into which any two persons of opposite sex, of mature age capable of entering into a contract were permitted to make.

The statutes of the several states, for purposes of record, make the first step to marriage, after the consent of the parties, to be the procuring of a license from some county clerk or proper official authorized to issue it. In the large cities a department matrimonial is assigned, presided over by a clerk known as Cupid. Here, for statistical purposes and for record, the nativity, age and name of both parties is recorded, the fact of their having been married, or divorced, &c., which is sworn to by the male. This is a requirement it is true. The clerk receives his fee and issues the license. The question is, is this license to be produced in all cases before a clergyman or a justice of the peace or a Court Judge or a captain of ship at sea can perform the ceremony. We think not. If it is necessary, then tens of thousands of most estimable people are in a very uncomfortable position. The social relation is spoiled, the moral worth of the family association has been extinguished; the currents of the descent of property are thwarted.

We do not agree with Judge Tustin, nor do we think when carried to its consequences that many attorneys will either. In Alaska, marriage licenses were not easy to be had. The clerk who was to issue this piece of paper, for a prescribed fee, was a long way off. It is hardly supposable that such dire consequences are to follow the non-procurement of this perfunctory piece of paper.

The Catholic church looks upon marriage as a sacrament, never to be dissolved except by death. It was to be supposed that the persons to be united were the ones directly interested and had the right to follow their own inclinations in this respect and that the office of the priest or the court functionary were mere forms to give strength and dignity to the proceeding.

It is true, that what are called contract marriages have become unpopular, because, in many cases they have been used to cover temporary intention or to bridge short lived predilection and then to be laid aside. We think in view of the standing immemorial view

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of wedlock which takes for its basis consent, public acknowledgement and cohabitation, that the certificate of a clerk or the mummery of the court functionary or of the priest has little power to make the union valid or in their absence that marriage is defeated. Concubinage on one side; marriage on the other; legitimacy and bastardy; inheritance and disinheritance. Pshaw.

We are all creatures of a common nature. The Creator has fashioned the sexes for perpetuation. There is a natural law determinable by no statute, which cannot be validated or voided by a piece of paper, sold for a fee.

"Where rolls the Oregon" are many statutes which have by resolution of Congress and the various steamers plying between the Columbia river and Alaska, been brought into operation here. It has preforce brought expounders from the same section also. The time may come, possibly when Alaska may have a legislature of its own, and it is to be hoped when it does, that some more acceptable interpretation may be put upon the law it will make upon this vital, fundamental question of what constitutes a valid marriage.

What is to become of inheritances and descents under this stigma? Pure women and honest men holding criminal relations with each other; their children the spawn of incest, and all for want of somebody's permissible certificate. We think not, neither do we think a post facto certificate would make the marriage honest or their common estate heritable.

We would like some of our attorneys to discuss this question.

Turkey, Turkey, Who Got The Turkey?

Christmas day was full of pleasant incident and counts among the good things a "horse" on Bruno Greif, a widower he, but alive to any proper good thing in its season.

In the Fatherland the gladdest day of all the year is Christmas. Imbued with that idea he purchased a tender 16 pound gobbler and turned it over to the tender mercies of Peter Jensen. Peter is never unkind, to look at his pleasant countenance beaming through his gig lamps you would never doubt it. It isn't that, but in the hurry and rush in attending to the wants of his increased patronage, he trusted the delivery of the crisp and smoking fowl to an Indian friend of his, who started upon his errand with little or no idea of what was expected of him. Some baleful influence, possibly the hypnotic eye of George Glover, guided his footsteps, for he rounded up at George's "Hub" and deposited his burden. George's astonishment may be imagined. He couldn't altogether reason it out, but then he knew that everybody likes him and decided some special admirer, probably one of the softer sex, had expressed their good will in this pleasant, practical way. George was not slow to seize his gastronomic opportunity. The well whetted blade circumscribed the joints and glided along the smooth breast. It was a feast of Lucullus.

Meanwhile Bruno's appetite made strident strides towards the goal of a happy surfeit. The leaden moments dragged, but the smoking turkey lingered on the way. Bruno is impulsive. When it began to dawn upon him that there might be some misadventure or mistake, he rushed after Jensen.

"Peter, vat hev you done mid mine turkey?"

Peter explained. He then hunted the Indian. The Indian was not sure. The suspense was awful. Amid the general clamor was heard the frequent ejaculation: "Mine Gott! Mine Gott!" amid a setting of gestures, which were unlike anything we ever witnessed. They were from inward to outward; then toward his hair; then to high heaven. It was like a man gathering up a lot of cords with both hands and throwing them up over his head.

The Indian at last tracked the defunct turkey to its lair. Angels and minister of grace defend us. Be thou

a spirit of earth or gobbler dammed? The wreck of it would shame the Brixham.

The remains were gathered together and delivered to Greif. We do not speak German. For once in our life, we are glad to admit it. What Mr. Greif said we cannot tell, but, there was caloric enough in it to turn the town to ashes. "How much I get of it?" says Bruno. "Vell, I got von wing and droomstick and some bones, dot ish all. Mine Gott, Mine Gott."

Jensen thought George ought to pay for what he had eaten, but George declared that so far as he personally was concerned, he had not made any mistake and had no responsibility for those of other people. Glover was always of a judicial turn of mind. All the parties in interest are sorry, and that reminds me of another odd misadventure of Peter's; although, this time it was upon our friend Col. Crittenden. In this case the turkey was duly cooked to the standard brown, but, when the Col. cut for the dressing he let out the contents of the intestines and held his nose, somehow the bird was undrawn. Imagine the Col. standing like a gladiator, knife in hand, over a morsel fit to tempt Saint Anthony, holding his nose.

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vs.

The Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant.

In the name of the President of the United States:

To the Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant:

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the undersigned United States Commissioner, for the District of Alaska, at his office in Wrangel, on Monday the 9th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the above named plaintiff in a civil action. And you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$125 together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

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FRED. PAGE-TUSTIN,

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Steamer Hamlin towed in from Cottonwood Island this week steamers Deuschenay, Ogilvie and McConnell. They will be beached alongside the Mono and Glenora. The ice endangered the boats at the Island which made this move necessary.

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A 64 page Times was issued as the Christmas number. This is the largest newspaper we ever saw printed. The amount of the matter in it was enormous and the quality of it can hardly be surpassed. We know the manager is a pushing, progressive and ambitious man for his continuing work shows it, but the amount of labor and time devoted to the Christmas issue stamps him as a man very much above the common. A newspaper with such extraordinary enterprise must commend itself to the seeker for news and to the advertiser as well, for everybody will want to subscribe for it.

Negro Minstrels?

Small wonder, where there are so many people from the states, as we term it, where the negro flourishes in different degrees according to his habitat, that a goodly sprinkel of etheopian imitators should be ready at hand.

Small wonder too, that among a music loving people where most everybody sings and as we say again, plays, and where mandolins and banjos are easy to buy, that lots of us should thrum the light guitar and brave the breeze with resounding bass and piping treble. Now do you know, as they say in the play of "The Tutor," that like all great manufacturing interests the musical people have made a combination. If any class of people can get along together in harmony it ought to be those who make it, and that's no josh. Wachtel the tenor was noted on the high C and he was no sailor either, but a number of our young people will do quite as well with a lower register, in fact better, as far as we are concerned, because Wachtel is dead. The boys are getting together all right, the music is in them and they are soon to be ready to dis-course in earnest. Negro minstrels? Gosh! who'll prove it at his peril on my head? Yes sir, the real Simon, middle man, end man, black man, chief. How are you this evening Mr. Bones? Now this sort of combination can give more pleasure to men, women and children for less money, for an hour or so than any three ring circus or blood curdling drama. Set your house in order because if these people get a glimpse of any foible of yours as they peep through crannies you will wish your too solid flesh would melt and resolve itself into a dew. We shall have the love sonnets to the moon and something sweet about mother. The banjo will talk jig step and help the soloist with 'A hot time in the old town tonight.' Hear the minstrels, Interlocutor: Mr. Tambo I received from a young lady in Seattle today a beautiful bouquet. What a pity we cannot raise the flowers here you know." Tambo: "Dars whar yous wrong Mr. Petars. Sometimes dey Bloom hard, but every day I see a Rose in bloom." Interlocutor: "Get out Tam, you mean Dan." Tam: "Smart aint yer." "Yes and he's the handsomest man in town, hear me." Interlocutor: "You don't say so." Tambo: "Look here Mr. Petars, doan you say 'doan you say so' when I say so. When I say so I say so and doan you say 'doan you say so' when I say so." Interlocutor: "I apologise Mr. Tambo, I meant to infer that I didn't agree with you. What is the matter with George Glover?" Interlocutor: Mr. Fickert will now sing that beautiful ballad "Will you you love me Norah darling as of yore," by particular request.

At a meeting of the Fort Wrangel Gospel Mission held Dec. 20th, the report showed \$42.50 cash and some material had been collected since the last meeting. A number of men have volunteered to donate their labor. It is desired that the lower floor be finished as soon as possible, so regular meetings can be held every evening. \$50 more in cash is required to buy the necessary material to complete the building. Mr. Lee Wakefield was elected a member and Miss Sparhawk was elected Secretary. The officers of the Mission wish to return their sincere thanks to those who so kindly donated to the Gospel Mission.

An illuminated Christmas tree at the church brought out every child with papa and mamma as well, on Monday evening. The occasion to many a child will be a memorable one. To please the grown folks, the two hours were enlivened with songs, recitations and instrumental music. As a setting stood the green tree, loaded with gifts from fairy land. Capt. Willson acted as master of ceremonies. Every child in attendance and quite a number of gentlemen were favored with gifts. Notably, Dr. Davy, Dr. McAlpin, Eugene Haw and C. E. Ingersoll. The members of the Ladies' Aid Society deserve great credit for the successfully carrying out of their most commendable undertaking. For it is commendable to catch the hearts of the children.

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